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To: Info-Hams@ucsd.edu

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Today's Topics:

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 23 Apr 91 12:53:03 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!
rdixon@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu@ucsd.edu
Subject: 6 meter activity
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The VHF column of QST regularly reports on 6m activity, and there is a 6 meter dx newsletter published. A number of 6m repeaters are listed in the ARRL Repeater Directory. For the last 2 years, cw and ssb dx have been commonplace, with many people earning WAC and even DXCC on 6m. To be alerted to 6m openings, listen to 28.885, which is the 6m liaison frequency.

Bob W8ERD

Date: 22 Apr 91 22:51:55 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Adjust frequency of 4terminal, rectangular oscillators?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Off the wall answer:

Take the can off (grind off flanges). Expose crystal to direct sunlight. Frequency can be changed by shading with your hand. It works, but wouldn't be fast enough for anything but (very slow) code. Might be useful in an emergency though.

Date: 23 Apr 91 11:44:58 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: Alinco 590 Update
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Here's the latest from the Alinco 590 farm. It looks certain that there will be mods and upgrades for the 590. If you have been one of the number of amateurs who have complained of audio problems using crossband, a fix will be made shortly. They have finally reached a decision to make an airband upgrade for the 590. With

Dayton and other projects, it will take sometime , but it will happen according to Alinco. They expect to release copies of the new

manual just written on the 590 after Dayton. You can obtain copies directly from them at 213-618-8616. If you feel that any of their other manuals need to be rewritten, let them know.

73s

Jay (KA1SNA)

Date: 23 Apr 91 13:45:10 GMT
From: swrinde!mips!apple!agate!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!eagle!lims03.lerc.nasa.gov!
rat1969@ucsd.edu
Subject: DAYTON Hamvention HOTEL ROOM
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Anyone need a hotel room in Dayton for the hamvention? I have an extra one that has been prepaid and the hotel doesn't want back. Very nice room with two double-beds, double occupancy, within five minutes of Hara Arena for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights (4/25,4/26,4/27). If interested, please telephone me at (216)572-8285 between 8:30 AM and 9:30 PM EDST (before noon on Thursday 4/25).

-- Rick (KC8L)

Date: 23 Apr 91 18:02:15 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: DX Bulletin
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The Ohio/Penn Dx Packet Cluster
DX Bulletin No. 007 (OPDX.007)
April 22, 1991
Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW
Provided by BARF-80 BBS Cleveland, Ohio
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Thanks to the Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society, Northern Ohio DX Association, WB3LHD, WK3N, NA8A, K8MFO, K8PYD, W8XD and K8YVI for the following DX information.

1A0, SOV. MIL. ORDER OF MALTA. It is fact now that 1A0KM will be up and running April 26 to May 1. SMOM is a fully independent entity with a very interesting history. Founded in 1099, SMOM had its sovereignty on the island of Rhodes, and from 1530 to 1798 on the island of Malta.

SMOM was finally established in Rome in 1834, where it holds several extra-territorial areas. The Order rules a world-wide organization dedicated solely, as its ancient tradition dictates, to provide assistance in the hospitaller, charitable and social fields.

3V8, TUNISIA. Zedan, JY3ZH, hosted 7X5ST/3V8 on 14252 KHz at 2200Z on April 16. By the time you read this the operation will be over. Many DX'ers will be hoping this DXpedition will count for DXCC. QSL to: Jamal Hassoune, 192 Square de Corte, EST 60 APPT Box 493, 34080 Montpellier, France.

5R, MADAGASCAR. Eva, PY2PE, stated on the INDEXA Net on 14236 KHz, that Alain, 5R8AL, is now in Madagascar and may be QRV as soon as April 20. We have all heard this before for the past 2 years, but Eva stated with quite a bit of certainty that Alain is there now. KYFC!!!
UPDATE 21/APR: Alain is on the air! He was heard on April 21 on 14027 KHz at 1455Z. He also showed up on 14222 KHz at 1530Z working west coast stations.

MORE 5R8 GOOD NEWS. Ron, WB3LHD, heard from F6EWE on the 28510 DX Net, that 5R8JD will be good (hopefully) for DXCC credit sometime in June. It seems 5R8JD will be applying for a new regular license.

9M2, WEST MALAYSIA. Ross, 9M2AX continues to be active. Even on the WARC bands. Check 24895 KHz around 0055Z, 18069 KHz around 0000Z and 10104 KHz around 2300Z. Ross's new address is Ross Tanaka, F7 Menara Impian, Taman Tun Abdul Razak, 68000 Ampang, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

9M8, EAST MALAYSIA. Andy, 9M2PV, has been showing up on 21289 KHz around 2245Z. QSL via WA4WTG for a plane black/white card or if you want a beautiful color card, send to his 91 CBA.

A6, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. A61AD was very active this weekend on the following frequencies: 28400 KHz at 1353Z, 18133 KHz at 1917Z and 24970 KHz at 1410Z. QSL via WB2DND.

FW, WALLIS ISLAND. Ron, ZL1AM0, continues to be active as FW0BX and mostly CW. VK2BEX has now joined Ron and is operating FW/VK2BEX on SSB and CW.

H44, SOLOMON ISLANDS. Starting early May look for G3SXW as H44XW, G3TXF as H44XF and G3WVG as H44VG. Operation will be all bands. QSL to home callsigns.

PY0, ST. PETER and PAUL ROCKS. A pirate station signing PY0PT, operator Bill, continues to operate claiming to be on St. Peter Island. He claims to QSL to a P.O. Box in San Paula, Brazil. Brazilian sources says this is a local "CB'er" trying to collect green stamps. So save your green

stamps. Remember: Claude, PY4VB, says the PY0 DXpedition is still on for early May. Expected starting day is May 8-10.

KH9, WAKE ISLAND. John, KB5LR0, is now signing /KH9. You may remember John from his Greenland operation signing /OX. He has been very active on both 10 and 20 meters on the frequencies 28492, 14226 and 14244 KHZ. John is only a General Class operator. So when hunting for him, check in the General Class sub-bands.

SY, MOUNT ATHOS. GEE! There is so much confusion on this one, I do not know where to start. The week started with SY/DJ6SI showing up on April 14 on 21024 KHz around 1730Z. Many began calling this a SLIM operation. Even George, SV2UA, QSL Manager for SV2ASP/A, Apollo, was heard saying this operation was not authorized by the appropriate people. Nevertheless, remember the most important rule: Work First Worry Later! Well the truth of the matter is, thanks to QRZ DX, Baldur is in Mount Athos which was confirmed by Baldur's wife and N5TP. Now let's hope Baldur has the proper documentation and authorization, which will please many CW operators. QSL vis DJ6SI. Apollo, SV2ASP/A, continues to be active on the 21335 Net around 1600 to 1830Z several times throughout the week. This operation still has not been approved for DXCC credit. Documentation is suppose to be in the works.

VS6, HONG KONG. John, K9EL, is now active and signing /VS6. Operation is CW only. He was heard Saturday and Sunday on 21023, 21027 and 18079 KHz around 1230-1330Z.

XU, KAMPUCHEA. Scotty, WK3N, worked "B00", XU1DK, on April 18 on 21280 KHz at 1400 UTC. "B00" claims to be on 20 meters RTTY daily, but gave Scotty no times. QSL "B00" at Box 80, Kojimachi, Tokyo, Japan 102-91.

YA0RR CARDS. K8PYD, Leo, states Romeo, YA0RR, will be at the Dayton Hamvention. Romeo will be bring YA0RR logs along, but nothing mention about QSL cards. Here is your chance to see if you are in the log. Leo also states, that plans are being made for another DXpedition by YA0RR. More word about this after Dayton.

DXCC NOTE: From the ARRL DX Bulletin. Please do not submit cards for Seal Island or Penguin Island operations. This location is not currently a DXCC country and all cards submitted will be returned without credit.

Good Luck on DX de KB8NW

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message via packet to KB8NW @ WA8BXN.OH.USA.NA

73 -- marty -- nr3z skitch@nadc.navy.mil

Date: 22 Apr 91 23:44:22 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: FM SCA Subcarrier Demodulation
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

This topic was discussed about a year ago, after which I tried to follow the advice of some of the posters by feeding the multiplex output of an old but fairly high quality radio into a radio capable of receiving 67 kHz FM (ICOM 7000 with 20kHz-25 MHz converter). For some reason, this did not seem to work very well, and since the topic has come up again, I thought I would try to find out why. I was wondering if the bandwidth of the multiplex output might be wide enough for the stereo subcarriers, but not wide enough for the 67 khz subcarrier?
Thanks in advance.

Date: 23 Apr 91 14:06:29 GMT
From: usc!cs.utexas.edu!convex!texsun!newstop!eastapps!boat!jkeyes@ucsd.edu
Subject: Heath DX-40 10M buffer coil?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Many thanks to those of you who responded to my previous questions about the Heath DX-40. Now I have another:

Because of a modification made by a previous owner, the 10 meter buffer coil in the DX-40 is missing. This coil goes between the 10 meter position of the band selection switch and the 6146 final amplifier tube. One end of the coil also goes directly to the antenna output connector. There are other coils for 15, 20, 40 and 80 meters that are not missing. However, without the 10 meter coil, I cannot operate on 10 meters.

Needless to say, this coil is no longer available from Heath. And unfortunately, the manual and schematic give no further information about the characteristics of this coil (other than that it is Heath part number 40-109 and has a green dot on it).

Does anyone have any ideas on how I might find or make an equivalent coil? Perhaps the only option is to find a broken-down DX-40 somewhere and use the coil from it...

Thanks for any help!

73,
John N1IPE

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Date: 23 Apr 91 15:08:46 GMT
From: usc!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!caen!kuhub.cc.ukans.edu!heacock@ucsd.edu
Subject: HF XCVR recommendations, questions
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

While I'm waiting for my new Tech Plus license to arrive, I've got time to think about getting a rig. When I first started investigating ham radio, one of the areas that caught my interest was low-power gear, particularly home-built stuff. In the past few months, however, several experienced hams on the net have advised me to get some experience with a 100-watt rig first, as QRP can be frustrating to a beginner. This seems like good advice, and while I still intend to get a QRP rig together for a trip to Colorado this August, in the meantime, I'm looking for an inexpensive, used HF transceiver to get started working CW with.

Any suggestions? (I know this has been asked before, but you folks haven't failed to be helpful yet...) What features should I be looking for? What specific models are a good bet? How much transceiver can I expect to get for around \$200?

One more question: I see schematics from time to time in the various ham magazines for receivers and transmitters and transceivers, etc. Have any of you actually tried building any of these? What sort of experience did you have? Are there any particular projects of this type that you would recommend?

Thanks in advance.

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Date: 23 Apr 91 14:42:21 GMT
From: swrinde!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!ira.uka.de!fauern!
NewsServ!buettneb@ucsd.edu
Subject: MORSE????
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Yes .. and it is QRV until the end of April. The call is shared
among some of the bigger DXers in G land and should be easy to catch
for everyone...

73 Ben, DL6RAI

Date: 23 Apr 91 12:22:28 GMT
From: mojo!news@mimsy.umd.edu
Subject: Need antenna tuner recommendations
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am getting back on the air after years of inactivity (with my 30 year old
equipment :-)) and I need to get an antenna tuner (80-10M range, full legal
limit).

Does anyone have any experience with currently available tuners or a
recommendation? I have some vague idea what was available 10 years ago, but...

Thanks.

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Mark Bailey KD4D
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Disclaimer: I didn't really say this.

Date: 23 Apr 91 12:42:01 GMT
From: gatech!hubcap!bjb@ucsd.edu
Subject: Organizing a VE team
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

A local radio club of which I am a member is thinking about starting a
VE team, but is unsure of the process involved. I know it requires
getting accredited with a VEC program, of which I've seen ARRL and a
more local group (WCARS -- Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society).

What sort of functions do the VEC do for the VE's (in other words, would there be any advantage/disadvantages of one over the other). Also, can a person be accredited with more than one VEC group? Any hints or information about getting a VE team started would be greatly appreciated.

73 de BJ, KM4RB

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Date: 23 Apr 91 14:43:52 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: RACES
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

RACES is the acronym for Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, a separate radio service under FCC rules for the purpose of Emergency Management Office communications support. RACES operators must hold an Amateur Radio License AND be certified by state/local Emergency Management authority (Emergency Management used to be known as Civil Defense). RACES frequencies are within the Amateur Radio Service band allocations but are specifically designated frequencies with the FCC upon which Amateur operations would be forbidden if RACES were officially activated for any purpose.

In theory, during a national emergency, the Amateur Radio Service would be shut down. "National Emergency" in this case is presumed to be WAR but could take other forms. In a national emergency, RACES would support the Emergency Management Office at federal, state and/or local levels. During our recent "war" (Operation Desert Storm), FCC gave special dispensation for Amateur Radio Service to continue operations (at least they stated that they were not going to shut it down - right now!).

RACES is a product of the cold war and the late 50's- early 60's era. Its usefulness and need are questionable today but it exists as a matter of law, nonetheless. RACES nets are listed in the ARRL Net Directory and vary between HF (usually 75 or 40 Meter SSB nets for state) and VHF (usually 2 Meter FM nets for local stuff). You will find them listed with acronyms similar to NYSEMO - meaning New York State Emergency Management Office net, or with local area designators - but almost always with "EMO" or some Civil Defense connotation as part of the acronym or net name.

Membership rules vary slightly but usually are something like you check in 6 - 10 times in a year and you become a RACES member. You must also check in a minimum number of times (and participate in training) during each year to remain a member and you should receive a RACES Membership card annually signed by your local (City/County) Emergency Management Officer.

You will find very strong parallels in the ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and RACES memberships. But keep in mind that ARES is a function with no specific training or participation requirements under ARRL sponsorship - not even recognized in name under Amateur Radio Service regulations (part 97). RACES is an official "Service" separate and apart from Amateur Radio Service, co-existing on amateur frequencies for training purposes, superceding Amateur Radio in a declared national emergency and with sepecific participation & training requirements (guidelines established by Federal/State EMO) plus a higher degree of discipline than is typically found in amateur net operations.

RACES nets train in traffic handling operations. RACES operators ARE NOT disaster management officials; simply communicators, i.e. radio operators only. Therefore, your training is on proper, accurate and expedient traffic handling, not emergency management decision making. If one feels an obligation to communicator public duty in the event of a national emergency when ARS would be shut down, RACES is the civilian service and MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) is the military parallel for operations.

RACES tone and tenor of operations varies from state to state. California has a well staffed and organized RACES operation from state through local city/county level. It received a rigorous workout during recent earthquakes (San Francisco) and other disasters and much of value was learned from their experiences. California values its RACES operations and invests in maintaining and advancing its status. Other states are ho-hum about it and exhibit behavior suggesting the telephone (land line & cellular) and/or State Police radio system will never fail. They think a hurricane Hugo through South Carolina was an anomaly and could never happen in their state.

Hope this answers your questions.

War Eagle, Cuz...

Wayne, KB6CSP

Date: 23 Apr 91 15:54:58 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!cs.utexas.edu!bcm!lib!thesis1.med.uth.tmc.edu@ucsd.edu
Subject: Repeater Usage
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I've followed this one up in rec.radio.amateur.policy, since the questions raised generate voluminous policy-related discussions whenever they crop up. Please discuss the merits of open vs. closed repeaters there.

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Jay Maynard, EMT-P, K5ZC, PP-ASEL | Never ascribe to malice that which can
jmaynard@thesis1.med.uth.tmc.edu | adequately be explained by stupidity.

"X.400 is the mail system of the future, and I hope it stays that way."

-- Erik E. Fair

Date: 23 Apr 91 17:13:53 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: TNC anyone? anyone?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I'm looking for a KISSable TNC, new/used/used and abused/ or DOA. See that .edu on my sig? That means I can't afford a new TNC AND a 9600 baud modem AND books I should have bought 2 weeks ago for aircraft design and control. Guess which has to go if I HAVE to buy a new TNC and modem?

I only want to run tcp/ip via net/mac, that may simplify things. Any other "idears" on high speed packeting on the cheap are very much appreciated. Soldering iron tactics OK and encouraged.

PS. Just passed my exam on Sunday at TCF. Used Yeasu HT almost in my hands. Ticket on way from FCC. Mac SE already paid dearly for. Antenna donated by understanding neighbor. Which leaves the TNC/modem as the straw across my financial back.

email probably more reliable, our suns hiccup a lot. Jim.

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Date: 23 Apr 91 16:58:03 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!snorkelwacker.mit.edu!stanford.edu!eos!aio!
lark.jsc.nasa.gov!kell@ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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Reply-To : kell@lark.jsc.nasa.gov

Subject : Re: No-Code Testing - Who is to adm.

In article <1991Apr22.153622.15433@axis.dsg.ti.com>, edh@sqa.dsg.ti.com (ed humphries (ASOC)) writes...

>In article <4458@ryn.mro4.dec.com> taber@ultnix.enet.dec.com (Patrick St. Joseph Teahan Taber) writes:

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>>It's true that it says that in the rules, but neither of the National
>>VECs accept VEs unless they are Extra class. I don't know about the
>>smaller VECs, but I've heard that nobody accredits Advanced or General
>>VEs. There's no shortage of examiners and the headaches of mixed-class
>>VEs aren't worth it.

>> Patrick St. Joseph Teahan Taber, KC1TD

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>Just goes to show you can't trust everything you hear :-) i.e. Facts
>are SO much nicer than rumor!

>a)My wife, KI5EV, is an Advanced class VE

>b)she is accredited with both W5YI and ARRL (and no-one "smaller")

>c)the local clubs here do not consider this a "headache"

>d)there have been times when a session was cancelled due to lack

> of availability of a VE - this shortage is one reason why Dawn

> went to the trouble of registering AND giving extra time and

> trouble to study and KNOW the rules and regulations

>e)the local test coordinators certainly believe it was "worth it"

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>It is true that currently generals cannot become accredited VEs.

>They can (and do) administer Novice tests (but cannot issue a CSCE

>for partial completion of the requirements).

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>Patrick, no flame intended, but where did you get your information

>that neither National VEC accredits Advanced Class VEs? W5YI distributes

>the requirements as spelled out in the FCC Rules and Regulations and

>certainly ABIDES by them. The same goes for the ARRL (see the May issue

>of QST for a nicely done spread encouraging more folks to become VEs -

>notice the two blocks to check: Advanced or Extra). Neither of these

>groups would be worthy of being VECs if they acknowledged the rules and

>then went on to do what they wanted to instead!

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For what its worth, and the requirements may have changed, but I inquired of W5YI for study materials and they sent me a copy of their REPORT as well, dated August 1, 1989. Inside, where the staples go in normal material, I found the following:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER?

under "The W5YI Report" Program? If so, please send a copy of your Extra Class license, the following signed statement, and a SASE to: W5YI-VEC, P.O.Box #565101; Dallas, Texas 75356-5101. A certificate (optional) is also available for \$1.00. Details and accreditation materials will be sent to you in about two weeks.

"I am a currently licensed Extra Class amateur radio operator and wish to be a volunteer examiner. I have never had my station or operator license revoked or suspended. I do not own a significant interest in nor am an employee of any company or entity engaged in making, preparing, or distributing amateur radio equipment or license preparation materials. My age is at least 18 years old."

Just for grins, why the restriction about working for someone that makes, etc. amateur radio equipment?

Ted Kell

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From: genrad!dls@husc6.harvard.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <3192@ksr.com>, <3287@borg.cs.unc.edu>, <4458@ryn.mro4.dec.com>ack
Reply-To : dls@freedom.genrad.COM (Diana L. Syriac)
Subject : Re: No-Code Testing - Who is to adm.

In article <4458@ryn.mro4.dec.com> taber@ultnix.enet.dec.com (Patrick St. Joseph Teahan Taber) writes:

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>VEs aren't worth it.

This is patently false. I don't know what a "National VEC" is. However, being a VE myself (an ADVANCED class VE), I do know that there are 18 VECs accredited by the FCC. Of those 18 VECs, one of them is ARRL, which provides the testing for 50% of all Ham tests. Another, W5YI, provides 35% of all Ham tests. That means the other SIXTEEN VECs only provide 15% of the Ham tests.

I am accredited by both ARRL and W5YI. Believe me, BOTH of them now allow ADVANCED class license VEs to give Novice and Technician tests.

Thank you for your attention.
Diana

->Diana L. Syriac dls@genrad.com Ham: KC1SP (Sweet Pea) <-
->I'D RATHER BE FLYING! P-ASEL, INST CAP: 1LT, Freedom 690 Mobile<-
->GenRad AD ASTRA, PER ASPERA <-
->MS/6, 300 Baker Ave, Concord, Mass. 01742 (508) 369-4400 x2459 <-

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Subject : Re: What's the Law on Cellular Listening?

In article <1991Apr23.141258.12135@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu> trd10523@uxa.cso.uiuc.edu
(Die Hard Cub Fan) writes:
>I don't think I was shooting from the hip, but maybe you're reading the ECPA
>from across the room. The ECPA states VERY clearly that monitoring of
>cellular conversations and scrambled transmissions is prohibited. ECPA
>says nothing about "wireless phones" or "walkie-talkies" in general.

That's true. The Supreme Court, however, has ruled that subcarriers are
encrypted communications. I suppose that this makes it illegal to listen to
the TV audio, or to stereo FM broadcasts.
--scott

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Subject : Re: No-Code Testing - Who is to adm.

In article <4458@ryn.mro4.dec.com>
taber@ultnix.enet.dec.com (Patrick St. Joseph Teahan Taber) writes:

(regarding a comment about exams and whether Advanced VE can give exams)
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:It's true that it says that in the rules, but neither of the National

:VECs accept VEs unless they are Extra class. I don't know about the
:smaller VECs, but I've heard that nobody accredits Advanced or General
:VEs.

: Patrick St. Joseph Teahan Taber, KC1TD

Partick,

Sorry, but you are wrong. Both the ARRL and W5YI have Advanced VEs now.
(Admittedly, W5YI did this only within the last several months.)

Peter

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Subject : Re: What's the Law on Cellular Listening?

carroll@ssc-vax (Jeff Carroll) writes:

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>>The Electronic Communications Privacy Act (aka ECPA) of 1986 states that it
>>is illegal to monitor cellular phone conversations, as well as scrambled
>>transmissions and a few other things.

> This is a FAQ in this group as well as comp.dcom.telecom, and there
>is a low-level difference of opinion (as opposed to full-scale flame war)
>as to just what the ECPA says.

> As the person who started the last incarnation of this thread by
>shooting from the hip about ECPA, I'll simply point out that there are
>well-informed people on both sides of the question, and observe that the
>majority opinion seems to be that ECPA does **not** prohibit eavesdropping
>on cellular conversations (or wireless phones, or walkie-talkies, ...)
>as long as one does not disclose or publish the contents of such conversations
>to third parties.

I don't think I was shooting from the hip, but maybe you're reading the ECPA
from across the room. The ECPA states VERY clearly that monitoring of
cellular conversations and scrambled transmissions is prohibited. ECPA

says nothing about "wireless phones" or "walkie-talkies" in general.

Now, nobody can possibly enforce this law unless you make it so evident that you are breaking it by publishing the contents of conversations, so I can see where you would read that into it. All other radio transmissions are governed by the concept that you can't use anything you hear for personal gain or tell other people what you hear.

> This time I'll withhold comment on whether this is an unreasonable
>restriction of civil rights :^)

Please don't - I agree that it's unreasonable, but fortunately, it's also unreasonable to enforce.

>--

>Jeff Carroll

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>"Do you think I care? ... I have an infinite amount of money."

-Bill Gates

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/ they're more concerned with the homeless people over there than they /
/ are with the homeless people in this country." - Paul Harvey /

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